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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 99,294)

**PATENT**

In re Application of:

Brent Townshend

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For: Automated Language Assessment  
Using Speech Recognition Modeling

Group Art Unit: 2641

Examiner: R. Dorvil

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-captioned Request for Continued Examination, which is filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of the claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.